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mean, if there are advantages with the federal government by having a lower standard so that more can meet this, whatever standard it is, why not make the standard as low as we can conceivably make it and, therefore, garner the most federal funds that we can for any and every airport in the state? I'm not understanding the regulatory structure here what the meaning of this is.

SENATOR AGUILAR: I would agree with your interpretation and I wish it were that way. However, the Federal Aviation Administration sets their...set the standards as they are.

SENATOR BEUTLER: What's the point of having a statute? Why...why would we voluntarily exclude some airports from getting as much money as they could get out of the FAA? I'm not...that's the part I'm not understanding.

SENATOR AGUILAR: I don't know that it is excluding anyone. Basically, what they're saying is to reach a certain status, and in this case primary status, you have to have 10,000 boardings per year.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Does primary status give you the right to some additional federal money that you would not otherwise have?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Actually, I don't think it does. It just allows for the payment of that money to be more on...more timely.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Wouldn't it be a good thing for all airports to be primary airports if the only reason for doing so is that they get more timely payment?

SENATOR AGUILAR: That would be okay with me.

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Laugh) Okay. Thank you, Senator.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President,...